

Bernard Kerst, a great man from my district. Bernard spent most of his 87 years living in Yuma, Colorado, and during that time he made a significant impact on the life of countless individuals and his county. I am honored today to bring his contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this Nation.

Bernard Kerst was born on July 9, 1917. When the Great Depression swept the country, he left high school and got a job to support himself and his family. He started a trucking business in his twenties and then built Victory Ships in Oregon during World War II. Afterward, he moved back to eastern Colorado, married DeVonna Gregory, and began farming and ranching. Being an avid conservationist, Bernard served on the board of the East Yuma County Soil Conservation District and was awarded the Bullshippers award from the Farm and Ranch Association for his outstanding service and leadership.

Bernard was a dedicated family man, raised two children, Carolyn and Dan, had many grandchildren and was able to know his first great grandchild, Isabel Carolyn. Due to health problems, Bernard and DeVonna moved to Arizona. After DeVonna passed away in 1999, Bernard moved back to Colorado to be close to his family living in Glenwood Springs.

Mr. Speaker, Bernard Kerst was a dedicated man who worked hard, supported his community and loved his family, and I am honored to pay tribute to him before this body of Congress today. I had the pleasure of knowing Bernard and worked with members of his family during my time in office, and I will miss his kind heart and wisdom. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this time of bereavement.

HONORING BATTELLE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with Mrs. PRYCE and Mr. TIBERI to congratulate Battelle, a global science and technology enterprise, on its 75th anniversary.

Although founder Gordon Battelle never lived to see his dreams come to fruition, it was his and his mothers' estates that led to Battelle's existence. The estates were generously left for the establishment of the "Battelle Memorial Institute . . . for the purpose of education in connection with and the encouragement of creative and research work and the making of discoveries and inventions . . .". It was Mr. Battelle's desire to recover zinc from Ozark mines that led him to his first patent. This initial success produced the grand vision which Mr. Battelle's business partner, Joseph Frantz, is credited with carrying out.

In 1929, Battelle opened for business with only 30 staff members. Today, including the national labs that they manage, Battelle oversees 16,000 staff members and conducts \$3 billion in annual research and development.

It is hard to believe what this Columbus, Ohio-headquartered institution has accomplished since those humble beginnings. In fact, their innovative technologies touch most Americans on a daily basis.

Possibly the most well known of Battelle's innovations is the development of xerography, which eventually led to today's copying machines and the company Xerox. Other innovations include: armor plating for U.S. Army tanks during WWII, fuel for the first nuclear powered submarine *Nautilus*, the metal composition of most of the 52.5 million coins produced each day by the U.S. Mint, cruise control for the automotive industry, the technology that led to the compact disc, and "no-melt" chocolate.

In addition to their commercial customers, Battelle provides services to over 800 federal, state, and local government agencies concentrating on important issues from national security to transportation and space.

As Chairman of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee, I have the distinct pleasure of working very closely with Battelle on a number of issues. Through the annual Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, I provide funds for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Labs. One of Battelle's primary services includes the management or co-management of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and the National Renewable National Laboratory. In fact, just last week, Battelle won a 10-year contract to operate the newly created Idaho National Laboratory, and congratulations are certainly in order regarding this new addition to the Battelle family.

As we look forward with great anticipation to the next 75 years of Battelle innovations, one can only dream of what may come. Battelle projects that they will concentrate on a broad range of issues in the upcoming years including: advanced healthcare, sustainable and renewable energy, clean water, and nuclear power.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to continuing to work with Battelle on these issues, and many more, and I congratulate them on their continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on November 16, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote No. 531. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN MEMORY OF JOHN H.G. STUART

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I stand in mourning to honor my good friend John H.G. Stuart, who passed peacefully on October 23, 2004, at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, his son Orin, his daughter Oria, his sister Kathleen of Toronto, Canada, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Mr. Stuart was a great contributor to the global community, and an example of the American dream.

Mr. Stuart, who was known to one and all as Harry, was born in 1918 in County Sligo, Ireland. He and his family later moved to Dublin, where he attended engineering school, and graduated with his degree from Trinity College. He later joined the British Navy, and spent the whole of the Second World War as a naval engineer, including two tours as chief engineer. After the end of World War II, he returned home to Ireland where he met and married Sheila, his wife and lifelong love of 58 years.

In 1948, Harry joined the Calcutta Electric Supply in India. He worked with their three power plants to make sure that Calcutta had plenty of power. Then, after almost 6 years in India and many months of applications and waiting, the Stuarts were granted visas and entry into the United States. They went to San Francisco in 1954 via Hong Kong, and ended up settling in Santa Cruz a year later in 1955.

As an engineer, Harry did power work with local companies and offices such as Pacific Gas & Electric and Lockheed Martin. He was able to help build geothermal plants in Iceland, Hawaii, and southern California. Through this work, he helped the world community to use better and cleaner power.

Harry had many faces. He was an avid traveler, as anyone would know just by reading these exploits, and he loved to fish and smoke salmon. In fact, I spent many a long night with Harry, discussing his travels throughout the British Isles, his passion for the outdoors, and most of all his thoughts on the best whiskey. In short, Harry was one of "the best," a friend and companion to one and all and a beautiful human being.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that we can all stand today and honor this man. He bettered the global environment, exemplified America's true diversity and opportunity to those who want to make a life here, and gave of his time to better the lives of his fellow travelers. I will miss him deeply and extend my deepest condolences to Sheila, Orin, Oria, Kathleen and the rest of his wonderful family.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NORMA ANDERSON

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Senate Majority Leader Norma Anderson and thank her for her tireless efforts serving the people of Colorado as a three-term member of the Colorado State Senate. Norma will always be remembered as a dedicated public servant and leader of her community. As she continues to serve the citizens of District 22, let it be known that she has made a great commitment to the Colorado General Assembly and the State of Colorado.

Norma began her public service career when she was elected to the Colorado State House of Representatives in 1986, and has been a champion of education, transportation, crime and tax reform issues in the General Assembly. She served as the Chair of the Education, Transportation and Energy, and Audit Committees and previously as the Vice-Chair of Long-Term Health Care Task Force,